

the State Government for two years beginning September 1, 1923, and ending August 31, 1925, and for other purposes and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am requested by the committee to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOOD, Chairman.

SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas.

Monday, April 23, 1923.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Murphy.
Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Rice.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Thomas.
Doyle.	Turner.
Fairchild.	Watts.
Floyd.	Witt.
Holbrook.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.

Absent.

Davis.	Lewis.
Dudley.	Ridgeway.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Watts.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions and memorials.)

Excused.

Senator Wirtz for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Fairchild.

Senator Holbrook for today, on account of committee work, on motion of Senator Bailey.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

By Senator Woods:

Whereas, The wild birds and the wild flowers, native to Texas, are fast disappearing before the march of population, the advancing destruction of its forests and the extension of its cultivated lands, covering its broad prairies, and

Whereas, Many nature loving citizens have come together in the organization of clubs and societies to promote an increasing interest in the protection and conservation of our native wild birds and flowers, in extending hospitality to the migratory birds and the organization of Junior Audubon Societies among the young people, and

The Legislature of Texas desires to encourage the laudable purposes inspiring these societies and to add its approval thereto, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Governor of the State be respectfully requested to designate by proclamation some suitable day, preferably the first day of May, as

"Bird and Wild Flower Day"

and to suggest to the people of the State that it be so recognized and appropriately observed, not that it be made a legal holiday, but that the thoughts of our people, the older and especially the younger, may be impressed with the great importance of preserving our native wild birds and flowers.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 14.

By Senator Wood:

Whereas, Senator R. M. Dudley, who has represented the Twenty-fifth Senatorial District in the Thirty-eighth Legislature, has resigned, and

Whereas, Mrs. Elma Merryman has been acting as his private secretary during the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and

Whereas, It is necessary for someone to take care of the notary list

and look after the correspondence from that district, now therefore be it

Resolved, That Mrs. Elma Merryman be employed to act as clerk for the Twenty-fifth Senatorial District for the balance of the session of the Legislature and that she be paid five dollars (\$5.00) per day for her services beginning with the date of the resignation of Senator Dudley, and that she is hereby given authority to sign for stamps, telegrams and telephone calls just as Senator Dudley could do if he was present and was the Senator from said above mentioned district.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 15.

By Senators Witt, Baugh and Bailey:

Whereas, The Senate has been wonderfully entertained and has enjoyed the very generous hospitality of Houston and her citizens on its recent trip to Houston, Galveston and the San Jacinto Battlefield, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the citizenship of Houston, and all citizens who have contributed to the wonderful entertainment given this body.

The resolution was read and adopted.

S. B. No. 13 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading,

S. B. No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the Board of Prison Commissioners from making any payment, settlement, trade or transaction whatsoever, with respect to three certain notes heretofore executed by the Board of Prison Commissioners in the sum of \$31,250.00 each, dated December 11, 1920, payable to the Fort Bend Cotton Oil Company or order, and claimed to have been executed by the Board of Prison Commissioners for certain cotton seed oil mill properties situated in Richmond, Fort Bend County Texas, claimed to have been purchased by the Board of Prison Commissioners from the Fort Bend Cot-

ton Oil Company, and one certain other note in the sum of \$39,000.00, payable to Bassett Blakely or order and executed by the Board of Prison Commissioners in payment for certain mules and horses purchased from Bassett Blakely by the Board of Prison Commissioners in January, 1923; and creating an emergency."

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Wood, was laid on the table subject to call.

S. B. No. 3—Made Special Order.

On motion of Senator Wood, S. B. No. 3, making appropriations for the State educational institutions, was made a special order following the morning call Tuesday morning.

S. B. No. 10 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading,

S. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 376 of Chapter 6, Title 8, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, 1911, by adding thereto a provision permitting majority of board of trustees of independent school districts to select as depository of such independent school district a bank of which not more than two members of such board of trustees are officers or stockholders and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Floyd, was laid on the table subject to call.

S. B. No. 7 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading,

S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay salaries of judges, and the support of the judicial department of the State Government for the two years, beginning September 1, 1923, and ending August 31, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

(Senator Rogers in the Chair.)

Senator Burkett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 6, line 7, by striking out said line and inserting a new line 7 to read as follows:

7. 2 stenographers at \$1500 each per year, \$3000.00.

The amendment was lost.

Question: Shall S. B. No. 7 be passed to engrossment?

Recess.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the Senate at 10:45 a. m. recessed until 3 p. m. today.

Afternoon Session.

The Senate met at 3 p. m. and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

S. B. No. 7 on Engrossment.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending business, S. B. No. 7, making appropriations for the support of the judiciary on its passage to engrossment.

Senator Wood offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 14, line 31, to read as follows:

Ninety-eight district judges, 1924, \$392,000.00; 1925, \$392,000.00; judge, county court at law, Texarkana, 1924, \$3,000.00; 1925, \$3,600.00.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Witt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 14, by striking out line 15, and add the following lines and numbering:

Books for library to be selected and purchased by the court, \$800, \$300.

Record books and stationary, \$700, \$200.

Filing cases and furniture, \$1,000.

Three typewriters, \$300.

Contingent expenses, \$300, \$300.

Change totals so as to read \$25,100 \$22,800.

Senator Pollard moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurred on the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Baugh.	Strong.
Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Bowers.	Turner.
Burkett.	Watts.
Doyle.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Rice.	Woods.
Rogers.	

Nays—6.

Clark.	Murphy.
Floyd.	Pollard.
McMillin.	Thomas.

Absent.

Bailey.	Dudley.
Cousins.	Fairchild.
Darwin.	Lewis.
Davis.	Ridgeway.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Pollard offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7 by striking out all appropriations for Court of Appeals for Tenth District at Waco, Texas.

On motion of Senator Witt, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Stuart moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by Senator Burkett was lost this morning, and the motion to reconsider prevailed.

Senator Burkett then withdrew the amendment.

Senator Stuart offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the amendment to Senate Bill No. 7, on page 6 thereof, line 7, to read, two stenographers, one at \$1500 and one at \$1200, and changing the figures \$1500 to \$2700 for each year.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Baugh.	Rogers.
Bledsoe.	Strong.
Burkett.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Witt.
Floyd.	Wood.
Parr.	

Nays—12.

Bowers.	Murphy.
Clark.	Pollard.
Cousins.	Rice.
Doyle.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Turner.
McMillin.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Lewis.
Davis.	Ridgeway.
Dudley.	Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Pollard offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7 by striking out the words "\$500,000.00" in line 19, page 15, and insert in lieu thereof "\$450,000.00."

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Baugh.	Rogers.
Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Bowers.	Turner.
Floyd.	Watts.
Murphy.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Rice.	

Nays—10.

Burkett.	Fairchild.
Clark.	McMillin.
Cousins.	Pollard.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Lewis.
Davis.	Ridgeway.
Dudley.	Thomas.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Clark offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 15, line 25, by striking out the figures "115,000.00—115,000.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the following figures: "70,000.00—70,000.00."

On motion of Senator Wood, the amendment was tabled.

Senators Bowers and Pollard of-

fered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7 by adding after the words "deputy clerk" wherever they occur, and add "who shall be a competent stenographer."

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Rogers.
Burkett.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Darwin.	Witt.
Floyd.	Wood.
Murphy.	

Nays—8.

Bowers.	Pollard.
Cousins.	Rice.
Doyle.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

McMillin.

Absent.

Bailey.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Thomas.
Dudley.	Watts.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Strong offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7 by striking out the figures "900.00—900.00" line 19, page 2, and insert in lieu thereof the figures "200.00—200.00."

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Rogers.
Bowers.	Turner.
Burkett.	Witt.
Clark.	Wood.
Darwin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

Nays—8.

Cousins.	Pollard.
Doyle.	Rice.
Fairchild.	Strong.
McMillin.	Stuart.

Absent.

Bailey.	Lewis.
Davis.	Ridgeway.
Dudley.	Thomas.
Floyd.	Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Stuart offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 7, so as to add page 6, of the printed bill by adding thereto, Article 16A as follows:

"16A—For dictaphone and records \$500.00, to be used during the year ending August 31, 1924."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Bowers.	Witt.
Burkett.	Wood.
Clark.	

Nays—12.

Cousins.	Murphy.
Darwin.	Pollard.
Doyle.	Rice.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Floyd.	Turner.
McMillin.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Rogers.
Dudley.	Thomas.
Lewis.	Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Clark moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by Senator Stuart, providing an additional stenographer for the Court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth was lost.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to reconsider prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Rogers.
Burkett.	Stuart.
Clark.	Witt.
Darwin.	Wood.

Nays—10.

Cousins.	Murphy.
Doyle.	Pollard.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Floyd.	Turner.
McMillin.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Thomas.
Dudley.	Watts.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Question then recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Burkett.	Witt.
Clark.	Wood.
Darwin.	

Nays—14.

Bowers.	Pollard.
Cousins.	Rice.
Doyle.	Rogers.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Floyd.	Thomas.
McMillin.	Turner.
Murphy.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Lewis.
Davis.	Ridgeway.
Dudley.	Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Doyle offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 15, line 15, by striking out the figures "150,000.00" in both columns and insert in lieu thereof: "100,000.00" in both columns.

On motion of Senator Clark, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Clark offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 15, by striking out lines 8 and 9.

Senator Burkett offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out the word El Paso.

Senator Clark moved to table the amendment to the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

The amendment to the amendment was adopted, and the amendment as amended, was then adopted.

Senators Burkett and Strong offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 3, by striking out the words "stenographers, two—3600.00 3600.00," line 16, and add in lieu thereof the following: "Stenographer, 1800.00 1800.00."

On motion of Senator Wood, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Burkett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7, page 2, line 16, by striking out "stenographers—three \$4500—\$4500 and insert in lieu thereof, "stenographer—one—\$1500—\$1500."

On motion of Senator Wood, the amendment was tabled.

Senator McMillin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 7 by striking out line 27, on page 1.

Senator Clark moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to engrossment, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Burkett.	Pollard.
Clark.	Rice.
Cousins.	Strong.
Doyle.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Watts.
Floyd.	Woods.
McMillin.	

Nays—8.

Bowers.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Turner.
Murphy.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.

Absent.

Bailey.	Dudley.
Baugh.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Stuart.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Burkett moved to reconsider the vote by which the previous

question was ordered, and the motion to reconsider was lost.

S. B. No. 7 was then passed to engrossment.

S. B. No. 7 on Third Reading.

On motion of Senator Wood, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House, was suspended, and S. B. No. 7 was put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bowers.	Pollard.
Burkett.	Rice.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cousins.	Strong.
Darwin.	Thomas.
Doyle.	Turner.
Fairchild.	Watts.
Floyd.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Murphy.	Woods.
Parr.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Dudley.
Baugh.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Stuart.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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The Chair then laid S. B. No. 7 before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bowers.	Pollard.
Burkett.	Rice.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cousins.	Strong.
Darwin.	Thomas.
Doyle.	Turner.
Fairchild.	Watts.
Floyd.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Murphy.	Woods.
Parr.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Dudley.
Baugh.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Stuart.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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H. B. No. 4—Re-referred.

Senator Darwin moved that H. B. No. 4, which was today referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, be re-referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to re-refer the bill was carried by the following vote.

Yeas—14.

Burkett.	Murphy.
Cousins.	Parr.
Darwin.	Pollard.
Doyle.	Rice.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Floyd.	Thomas.
McMillin.	Watts.

Nays—10.

Baugh.	Stuart.
Bledsoe.	Turner.
Bowers.	Witt.
Clark.	Wood.
Rogers.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Lewis.
Davis.	Ridgeway.
Dudley.	

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Texas has accepted an invitation to visit Eastland County on next Saturday and Sunday, and

Whereas, There is much to do that has not been done during the Called Session of the Legislature and the Senate and House ought to stay in session on Saturday, and

Whereas, It will incur great expense to the people of Eastland County and is setting the wrong example for the Legislature to make extended visits during its session, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate, the House concurring, that we respectfully decline said trip.

Thanking the people of Eastland County for their liberality, their big-

heartedness and their desire to entertain the Legislature of Texas.

Respectfully submitted.

COUSINS,
THOMAS,
FLOYD,
POLLARD.

The resolution was read.

Senator Wood moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—2.

Bowers.	Wood.
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Nays—18.

Burkett.	Parr.
Clark.	Pollard.
Cousins.	Rice.
Darwin.	Rogers.
Doyle.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Thomas.
Floyd.	Turner.
McMillin.	Watts.
Murphy.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Witt.

Absent.

Bailey.	Dudley.
Baugh.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Stuart.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Clark moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution indefinitely.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to postpone prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Burkett.	Rice.
Clark.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Turner.
Fairchild.	Watts.
McMillin.	Witt.
Murphy.	Wood.
Parr.	Woods.

Nays—5.

Bowers.	Pollard.
Cousins.	Thomas.
Floyd.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Dudley.
Baugh.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Ridgeway.
Davis.	Stuart.

Absent—Excused.

Holbrook.	Wirtz.
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Senator Burkett moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was postponed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 23, 1923.
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of
the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the Adjutant General of this State, made necessary by emergencies arising in declaring martial law in this State, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 7, Relating to the creation of a "Bird and Wild Flower Day."

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 98, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, by adding thereto Article 6057a, providing that, in addition to other methods provided in said chapter for the removal of officers, they may be removed by quo warranto proceedings brought by the Attorney General upon direction of the Governor; making the provisions of said chapter applicable to proceedings hereunder except where in conflict, providing that the district judge may temporarily suspend an officer against whom the petition is filed and appoint a person to discharge the duties of the office who shall not be required to give bond as provided in Article 6049 of such statutes; providing that the suspended officer shall receive the salary, compensation or fees until final judgment removing him, and that such salary, fees or compensation, collected by the temporary

officer shall be paid to the suspended officer, and that during appeal from a judgment removing an officer, such salaries, fees and compensation shall not be received by him unless he give a supersedeas bond therefor and that an appeal shall not suspend the order temporarily removing such officer; providing that the temporary officer shall receive the same salary or compensation provided by law to be paid by the State out of an appropriation to the Governor for the enforcement of the law; fixing jurisdiction and venue of such suits; providing that such officer may not be removed under this Act for failure to enforce misdemeanor statutes, excepting laws pertaining to gambling or prostitution, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. PHINNEY,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 4, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 6, to the Committee on Finance.

Bills Signed.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. C. R. No. 1.

H. C. R. No. 2.

S. C. R. No. 4.

S. C. R. No. 5.

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate at 5:50 p. m. adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.**Petitions and Memorials.**

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Davidson, offered and had read a letter from Kirkland, Texas, signed by F. O. McKinney, President, and J. T.

Woodward Secretary, of Childress County Farm Labor Union, urging enactment of measures taxing crude oil, incomes and intangibles. Governor Davidson stated that he had received more than one hundred letters and communications of similar character, and requested that this be noted in the Journal, and asked the Senators to examine these various petitions held by him at his desk.

Senator Floyd offered and had read a letter signed S. M. Edmondson, O. J. Walker and W. T. Walker, members of the Kanawha School Board, urging passage of further measures for rural school aid.

Senator Burkett sent up and had read a petition numerous signed by Putnam, Callahan County citizens, protesting against the passage of H. B. No. 74 by Bryant and H. B. No. — by Dinkle, these bills providing for taxation of incomes of joint stock associations and of corporations.

SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, April 24, 1923.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	McMillin.
Baugh.	Murphy.
Bledsoe.	Parr.
Bowers.	Pollard.
Burkett.	Rice.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cousins.	Strong.
Darwin.	Stuart.
Davis.	Thomas.
Doyle.	Turner.
Fairchild.	Watts.
Floyd.	Witt.
Holbrook.	Wood.
Lewis.	Woods.

Absent.

Dudley. Ridgeway.

Absent—Excused.

Wirtz.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dis-

pensed with on motion of Senator Watts.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions and memorials.)

Excused.

Senators Davis, Lewis, Ridgeway, Bailey, Bowers, and Dudley for yesterday, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Wood.

S. C. R. No. 9.

By Senator Bailey:

Whereas, The Congress of the United States has undertaken in the Transportation Act of 1920 to authorize the consolidation of the railroads of the Continental United States into a limited number of systems, and

Whereas, Under the provisions of this said Act, the Interstate Commerce Commission is now conducting hearings with a view to preparing such a plan of consolidation, and

Whereas, A member of the Interstate Commerce Commission is now sitting in such a hearing in the city of Fort Worth, and

Whereas, The Railroad Commission of Texas, through Commissioner Splawn, has appeared at said hearing; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Texas does approve and endorse the stand taken by the Texas Railroad Commission as stated in the testimony of Commissioner Splawn before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Fort Worth, in which he opposed the Interstate Commerce Commission's plan of consolidating the railroads of the United States into a few systems. And for the reasons stated by Commissioner Splawn we call upon the Texas delegation in Congress to use all their influence to repeal that part of the Transportation Act of 1920 which would authorize the consolidation of parallel and competing railroad systems. We further endorse his stand for the economical routing of tonnage from the north and northwest through the gulf ports.

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the